THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) It has been reported by the DDA that w.e.f. 23.2.1989, the difference between average auction price of a general shop for the area and the payment already made by the allottee for a shop with restricted use was charged as conversion fee for change of use of shop from restricted to general commercial use. The aforesaid decision has been reviewed by DDA and w.e.f. 21.2.1999, it has been decided that the conversion of shop from 'Restricted' to 'General' use will be allowed on payment @ 25 percent of current L&DO commercial rates. This decision is being reviewed at the Government level. It would be ensured that all cases are dealt with on uniform basis.

Recommendations of Geethakrishnan Committee

*109. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations of Geethakrishnan Committee's report accepted by Government on the re-organisation of various wings of her Ministry and the action taken, so far, or proposed to be taken by Government thereon;

(b) the details of recommendations not accepted by Government alongwith the reasons in each case; and

(c) how far this has affected the efficiency of the various wings of her Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The report of Geethakrishnan Committee, pertaining to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has been considered in this Ministry. However no final decision has been taken in the matter.

Untested asthma drug

*110. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Untested asthma drug gets go ahead from Health Ministry" which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 27th May, 2001; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The news item has been seen. The Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB), Kolkata under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has developed a plant based Ayurvedic medicine with the trade name "ASMON" for the treatment of Asthma.

Based on the research of CSIR, the Drug Licencing Authority, West Bengal has registered the drug as a Patent Proprietary Ayurvedic medicine. All the ingredients of ASMON are taken from the authentic books of Ayurveda listed in the first schedule of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and the licence has been issued in consonance with the rules and procedures laid down for registering a Patent Proprietary Ayurvedic Medicine.

New scheme for poverty alleviation and employment

† *111. SHRI BRATIN SENGUTPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare any new scheme for poverty alleviation and to increase employment opportunities;

(b) if so, whether a meeting of State Ministers of Urban Employment and Secretaries was called last year for this purpose; and

(c) if so, details of the subjects which were discussed in the said meeting and to what extent these have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, new scheme as such is under consideration since the existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme named Swama Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) has been introduced with effect from 1st December, 1997 only after subsuming different urban poverty alleviation schemes.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.